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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. DAYAN COMMENTS ON SYRIAN PROVOCATIONS AND EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS: DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN IN A FEBRUARY 12 APPEARANCE BEFORE MILITARY CORRESPONDENTS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

--INCIDENTS ALONG THE SYRIAN CEASEFIRE LINE SHOULD BE EXPECTED UNTIL A DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED;

--ISRAEL WILL REACT "...IN KIND..." TO SYRIAN PROVOCATIONS (IMPLYING NO USE OF AIR POWER);

--THE MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR ISRAEL TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPT IS AFTER THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 880, 2/14.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON IRAN-IRAQ DISPUTE: USUN CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMENDS AGREEMENT, PROVIDED ALL OTHER MEMBERS ARE IN

ACCORD, WITH A FRENCH SUBMITTED SCENARIO FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE TENTATIVELY HELD FEBRUARY 15 AT 1530. THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, WHO CONSIDERS EVEN A WATERED DOWN RESOLUTION BLAMING NEITHER PARTY WOULD BE

ANTI-IRANIAN, HAS ADVISED ALL MEMBERS THAT THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE IRAQI COMPLAINT WILL AFFECT THEIR RELATIONS WITH IRAN. HE TOLD THE FRENCH THAT FAILURE TO COOPERATE COULD AFFECT THE FRANCO-IRANIAN OIL DEAL. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 510, 512 AND 521, 2/14.

3. JOBERT STRAINS FRG'S PATIENCE: THE REACTION AMONG WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS IS THAT FRANCE OVERPLAYED ITS HAND AT THE ENERGY CONFERENCE, THUS THREATENING TO CORRODE BOTH THE GERMAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AND THE PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN UNION. AS A RESULT THE FRG MAY BE FORCED TO VIOLATE ONE OF ITS PRIME POST-WAR OBJECTIVES OF NOT CHOOSING BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US--BETWEEN PARIS AND WASHINGTON. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 2461, 2/14.

4. ALLIES REACT TO NEW GDR PASSPORT STAMP: AT AN URGENT FEBRUARY 14 TRIPARTITE MEETING THE UK SUBMITTED THREE ALTERNATIVE REACTIONS TO THE NEW STAMP REFERRING TO THE "INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ENTITY OF WEST BERLIN:"

--REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISAS IN THE OBJECTIONABLE
PASSPORTS;

--ISSUANCE OF VISAS BUT WITH DISCLAIMER STAMP;

--AN INFORMAL DEMARCHE BY THE UK AND FRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE STAMP BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND IF THIS FAILS TO REVERT TO THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE.

EMBASSY BONN PREFERS THE FIRST NOTING THE STAMP HAS THE EARMARKS OF A CAUTIOUS GDR TEST--ONLY FOUR PASSPORTS SO STAMPED HAVE SURFACED--AND BELIEVES THE GDR WILL BACK DOWN IF FACED WITH A STRONG ALLIED REJECTION. THE EMBASSY SEEKS GUIDANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 2462, 2/14.

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